

**HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING**  
**Town of Highland 3333 Ridge Road Highland, Indiana 46322**  
**March 3, 2016 MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

At 6:30 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by Tracy Oprea in the Upper Conference Room of the Highland Municipal building located at 3333 Ridge Road. Dawn Diamantopoulos entered soon after.

**Roll Call:**

The following members of the 2016 Highland Main Street Board were present: Dawn Diamantopoulos, Marion Case, Marie Russo, Julie Larson, Tracy Oprea, Mario DeGeorge, Alicia Rosignol, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Dan Dunn and Jen Duncan were absent. Others present included Lee Kause, Michael Vanes, and Theresa Pecsek on the telephone.

**Minutes:**

Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2015, September 3, 2015, October 1, 2015, November 5, 2015, December 3, 2015, and January 7, 2016 meetings. Michael Vanes seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Officers—President, Vice President, and Secretary Elections**

Alicia made a motion to nominate Dawn as President, Marion as Vice President, and Marie as Secretary for 2016. Julie seconded the motion. No additional nominations were made. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Car Cruise**

Michael reported that almost all of the sponsorships for the Car Cruise have been received. They are: Auto Value Parts Store (Van Senus), Thomas Dodge, Service King, Langel's, Circle GMC, Richardson Sales and Service, and Thomas-KIA for a total of \$2250.00 to date. The date of the event is June 4, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The rain date is June 5, 2016 with the same hours. The contract with Thunder Road Productions needs to be signed and a meeting with various town departments including the police, public works, and parks will take place in May. Signs, posters, and flyers are being developed.

**Town Theatre Memberships**

Cecile reported that there a total of 531 memberships to date.

**Town Theatre Board**

Tracy reported that all fund raising efforts are on hold until the Council moves forward with the bond.

**Town Theatre Structure**

Cecile reported that the architectural firm, Morris Architects Planners, will be completing the schematic design for the theatre within a week or two. The Redevelopment Commission is reviewing options for the walls.

**Town Theatre Volunteers**

No further efforts have been made to recruit or train volunteers until the Council moves forward with the bond.

### **Cash Mob**

Members discussed a possible location for the next Cash Mob at the intersection of Highway and Ridge. Cecile will visit to ascertain the owner's interest.

### **Art Display**

No further report.

### **Coupon Program**

No report.

### **Art & Cultural District**

Cecile reported that the Commission has just received a draft plan from SEH of Indiana; however, they will be meeting with SEH to review it before it is released to the public.

### **Poet Laureate Program**

Julie will send out reminders about the project stating that the deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Goals 2016**

Alicia made a motion to approve the Goals for 2016, as amended. Marion seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Art**

Julie and Alicia will work on developing a public art project with outside sculptures and report at the next meeting. Cecile will discuss project with the Redevelopment Commission regarding funding. Dawn and Cecile will share their information with Julie and Alicia.

### **Youth Volunteers**

Dawn reported that she and Cecile met with Andy Pierce who heads the "Real-World Career Experiences— Exploring" program. This program, typically called "Exploring", provides young men and women (ages 14 to 20) with opportunities to explore career paths within the community. It is an outgrowth of the Boy Scouts, although both girls and boys participate. Mr. Pierce would like to develop a "post" or club with the Town Theatre through the Town Theatre Board. Local adult volunteers will be trained, background checks will be made, and liability will be covered for both the adults and young adult participants. There is an annual Charter Fee of \$40 for the group and each person would pay an annual fee of \$24. Mr. Pierce would like the young adults to learn about theatres, both behind the scenes, as well as, the daily operations. They may be interested in having a conversation with the architect, understand how acoustics work, and later, assist with the development of programming, social media publicity, and daily operations. This group would be formed for Highland students, but then it could be expanded to nearby communities. The program could offer the young adults of Highland a place for them to learn and to explore the many opportunities and skills that are needed for theatre and film. HMS members recommended the program to the Town Theatre Board.

### **Adjournment**

Tracy made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Mario seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.